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1. Swidnik airfield is located eight kilometers east of Lublin in the large forest area where the Swidnik railroad station for the Lublin-Chelm railroad line is located. The airfield runs south from the aforementioned railroad line, and the western and southern boundaries of the airfield are closely bounded by the forest. The east-west length of the airfield is at least two and a half kilometers and the north-south length is about two kilometers. The construction of the airfield was begun in 1939 but was not completed prior to the outbreak of war. However, it was enlarged by the Germans during the war.

2. [REDACTED] in 1946, it was in a run down and ruined condition despite the small airforce group that was stationed on it. However, informant had heard reports since 1951 that the airfield has been enlarged and modernized and that many underground buildings have been constructed. He also stated that he is quite sure that hangars have been built on the field although he could not remember any particulars about these buildings, such as their number or locations. Moreover, informant stated that the airfield has been attacked by the Polish underground (A.K.) many times and they have destroyed many planes and buildings. Informant has also heard that some Polish Air Force units are stationed at the field. These units have propeller driven planes which have been observed flying over the Lublin area.

3. The afore-mentioned Swidnik railroad station has been appropriated by the military authorities and civilian traffic is forbidden access to the station. A new stopping point has been established along the railroad line about one kilometer nearer to Lublin.

4. An air force non-commissioned officers school has been established at Deblin (R 52/L 51) in addition to the air force officers school located there. Informant does not know anything more about the school. He states further that a civilian airfield had been constructed before the war at Zadebie, a suburb of Lublin.

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